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MARKHAM AGAIN AS ADJUTANT GENERAL

APPOINTED BY GOV. TRAPP OF OKLAHOMA SATURDAY

HAS MADE A SUCCESS

Son of Mrs. Norman Chamberlin Had Much to do With Failure of State Martial Law

Baird Markham, son of Mrs. Norman Chamberlin, formerly of Maryville, but now living in Albany, was appointed again to the post as adjutant general of Oklahoma by Governor Trapp. The following article is from an Oklahoma City paper:

"B. H. Markham, adjutant general under J. C. Walton, was appointed again to the post by Governor Trapp Saturday. Markham is the first of the appointed state officers and, it is considered possible, the only one to be reappointed by Walton's successor.

"A recent investigation of Markhams department proved it to be without a blemish, according to the house committee on investigations and impeachments.

"Markham is a major general in the national guard, official recognition of his status having been received from Washington this week. To the adjutant's resources and cool judgment was credited the failure of state-wide martial law proclaimed by Walton to stir the calm of Oklahoma."

Mrs. Chamberlin has been in Oklahoma City visiting her son and family for a few days before General Markham and his family leave for California for a three months trip, he having been granted a leave of absence.

Masonic Officers to Be Installed Tomorrow

The elective officers of Nodaway Lodge No. 470 and Maryville Lodge No. 165, A. F. & A. M., will be installed at a joint installation to be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the I. O. O. F. Hall. Tomorrow is St. John's Day and a joint installation of the officers of the two masonic lodges have been held frequently in the past.

McClain Wins Feature Race at New Orleans

Frank McClain, a former resident of Maryville, who is racing a stable of horses at New Orleans, won the feature race, the Christmas handicap, yesterday at that track. The race was at a distance of one and one-sixteen miles and had a value of $3500 to the winner. His entry, Delante, a three-year-old bay gelding, is a product of the B. A. Jones stock farm at Parnell. This was the fourth time that Delante has won at the Jefferson Park meeting, which started November 29 and ends December 31, and McClain is the leading money winner for this meeting.

Dr. James to Meeting at Chicago Next Week

Dr. C. C. James, pastor of the First M. E. Church, will leave next Tuesday for Chicago where he will attend on January 3, 4 and 5, a meeting of the Deans of the Summer Schools of Theology of the Methodist Churches. The meeting will be under the direction of Dr. Allan MacRossie, educational director of the General Conference Commission of Courses of Study. It is the purpose of the meeting to arrange plans to unify the summer schools. It is expected 100 will be in attendance.

Dr. James was dean of the Missouri Conference Summer School at Cameron June 18 to 27, 1923.

Fifth Street Paving To Be Finished Soon

The pouring of the cement foundation for the paving on East Fifth street alongside the Post Office has been completed. This will be allowed to stand until Monday when the laying of brick will be commenced. It is estimated that it will take three days to complete this work. The layer of sand between the brick and cement will be layed early Monday morning. The paving is being done by the O'Brien Construction Co., of Kansas City.

Alfred Arnold, a student at the Chillicothe Business College is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Arnold of Burlington Junction.

George Aley Sells Out Store and Bakery

Roy Eberle of Shambaugh, Ia., Will Take Charge About the First of the Year

George W. Aley, owner of the South Side Grocery and Bakery, has sold out his store to Roy Eberle of Shambaugh, Ia., who will come to Maryville Monday to invoice the stock and will take charge then. The deal was made a few weeks ago.

Mr. Eberle has been manager of Farmers Exchange at Shambaugh for the past two years.

Mr. Aley has been in business at the present location for the past four years. He will devote most of his time now in taking a much needed rest and looking after the Aley Swimming Pool.

30 DIE IN MOTOR CRASHES IN U. S.

HEAVY CHRISTMAS DAY TOLL OF AUTO ACCIDENTS.

ILLINOIS LED WITH 11

Seevnty-Eight More Suffer Injuries in Accidents—Majority Were Grade Crossing Accidents.

A careful canvass of the United States this afternoon revealed more than thirty persons killed in auto accidents on Christmas day.

There were motor mishaps of many different kinds. Twenty of the deaths were as a result of grade crossing accidents.

Illinois lead the list with eleven accidents. Maryland followed with five, Missouri reported four and California, three.

Upwards of seventy-eight persons suffered injuries in motor car accidents.

Chicago, Dec. 26—Christmas claimed ten lives in Illinois yesterday. Two were killed and two were injured in an Illinois Central crash in Chicago. Two were killed and five more were injured at Deer Creek and three were killed and one hurt at Danville. Three more died in Chicago hospitals from auto accidents bringing to the total auto toll in the city alone to 704 lives for the year.

Stutesman Files Suit Against M. Barackman

Claims Barackman Unlawfully Withheld Possession of a Touring Car Belonging to Plaintiff

A replevin suit was filed late Monday afternoon by E. E. Stutesman, former manager and trainer of Mervin Barackman, the wrestler, against Mr. Barackman for the possession of a Chevrolet touring car of the value of $300 which the plaintiff claims is unlawfully held by the defendant. The petition states that on December 10, the plaintiff was the sole owner of the touring car but that the defendant unlawfully withheld the possession of said car from plaintiff to his damage in the sum of $25. The plaintiff asks for damages for $25 and for the recovery of possession of his car or for $300 the value of the car.

Frozen Assets Close Jerico Spgs., Mo. Bank

Jerico Springs, Mo., Dec. 26.—The Farmers State Bank here, with deposits of $38,000, failed to open its doors today.

The board of directors announced that they had asked for a state bank examiner to assume charge.

Frozen assets are believed to have been responsible for the closing of the bank.

ST. LOUIS SUBURBAN BANK ROBBED OF $600 TODAY.

St. Louis, Dec. 26.—The Park Savings Company of Richmond Heights, a suburb of this city, was robbed today by two bandits who held up the cashier and escaped with about $600. It was the second robbery this bank has had in less than two months, as $5,400 was taken November 6.

SIX DEAD IN TERRIFIC GALE ON NORTH PACIFIC

Seattle, Dec. 26—With the moderation of one of the worst gales the north Pacific has seen in years, a recapitulation of the storm toll taken today showed six dead and the estimated damage more than $300,000.

A SNOWLESS BUT MERRY CHRISTMAS

SANTA'S REINDEERS SUPPLANTED BY AIRPLANE OR MOTOR.

MOTORING WAS POPULAR

Weather Was Ideal for Outdoor Sports —Many Attend Midnight Mass at St. Mary's.

Though snowless and sleighless Christmas Day of 1923, probably will be recorded in Maryville and Nodaway County as a pleasant, happy and joyful holiday. But the "snowlessness" of the occasion didn't prevent Old Santa from making his annual round for thouasnds of children will vouch that he came in accordance with their expectations. He might have used a powerful motor car, or a roarless airplane, but what matters the means of transportation as long as he broadcast happiness, goods cheer and plenty of candy and toys.

The drizzling rain Christmas eve might have dampened the spirit of some who retired early but those who saw a full moon breaking through the mist of clouds shortly before the zero hour of midnight when Old Santa began work in earnest, could have likened its brightness to the Star of the East and the late ones retired with a joyful heart. The midnight mass at the St. Mary's Church was given to a crowded church and the revival of this old custom seemed to be enjoyed by all.

Christmas Day was ushered in with many expectant hearts. Wagons and roller skates seemed to be more popular than ice skates and sleds. Useful gifts for the older people appeared to be in the majority. Many families skipped out by the way of the family motor earlier in the morning to enjoy the annual feast at grandma's, uncle's, or some friend's home. The day was ideal for the motor car.

A super-sensitive ear might have heard the groaning of many a heavily laden table at noontime. Evidently the afternoon was spent in visiting by many, although the golf links at the Country Club and the matinee dance at the W. O. W. Hall furnished diversion for those who wished more action.

Business throughout the town was practically suspended for the day. Through the efforts of the welfare board many Christmas dinners were possible that might not have been otherwise.

And Christmas comes but once a year—but the 1924 festivities are only twelve months away.

Juvenile Court Hearing by Dawson

Howard Wolverton of Hopkins Given 2 Years in Reform School and Was Paroled

A session of juvenile court was held this morning by Judge Dawson when Howard Wolverton, 16 years old, of Hopkins was given a sentence of two years in the Missouri Reformatory at Boonville and was paroled on account of his age and for good cause shown. Wolverton was charged with being a delinquent child and stealing an auto tire. The Rev. E. C. Wright, pastor of the M. E. Church at Hopkins and several other Hopkins parties including the boy's father, were in attendance at the hearing.

The conditions of the parole were that the young man was to be at home by 9 o'clock every evening except when accompanied by his parents, must attend Sunday School every Sunday unless sickness prevents, must not smoke cigarettes and loaf around alleys or other places where the surroundings are not good.

Clair Ingram of Hopkins who was fined $50 and given a year jail sentence for stealing, was also paroled by Judge Dawson as to the jail sentence.

Watch Taken Months Ago Was Returned

A gold watch belonging to Miss Viva Cloud of the law offices of Shinabargar, Blagg & Ellison, which was stolen several months ago, was returned to the law offices this morning, being found near the entrance to the law offices.

Miss Cloud valued the watch as it belonged to her father. She had made a watch stand with the watch encased in it and had kept it on her desk at the law offices.

Annual Rush to Pay Taxes Started Today

The Christmas rush is over. But close on its heels comes another one, not quite so pleasant but equally important. As usual it is a rush to spend money and the city and county tax collectors are looking up today to see a line of citizens waiting to contribute their share for the upkeep of the city, county and state. There are only four more days of grace until the penalty is added and the annual scramble is now on to pay up before the first of the year. The collectors at the city hall report the volume of payments up to the present time as about equal to that of last year.

KILL REBEL CHIEFS IS OBREGON EDICT

MEXICAN REBEL COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ORDERED EXECUTED

VERA CRUZ WILL FALL?

Obregon Wires Consul at Laredo that He Will be in that City in 15 Days

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 26—"Jalisco will be totally subdued within eight days and Vera Cruz will be in the hands of the federal government within fifteen days," stated a message from President Obregon to the Mexican consul here today.

Two thousand revolutionists were captured in recent fighting at Puebla, the dispatch said, with the federals now in possession of abundant arms and ammunition.

All unconfirmed rumor eminating from Nuedo reports that President Obregon is spreading terror among his adversaries with his general order abroad that all captured commissioned officers be executed.

General Elias Calles, federal chief of staff, is reported today to be in the state of Leon recruiting soldiers and that hundreds were flocking to his scabbard.

S. T. C. Delegation to Leave for Convention

Six Students to Represent Local College at Indianapolis Meeting

Six delegates have been chosen to represent the State Teachers College religious organizations at the Student's Volunteer Convention held at Indianapolis this year. Ruth Cline, Augusta Quell, Helen Tebow, Mary Coe, David Max and Conrad Blackman compose the delegation that will be the local representatives. They will be accompanied by Miss Blanche Dow of the College faculty.

The convention commences on the 28th of this month, the Maryville representatives leave tonight. The meeting will be concluded January 1.

U. S. May Acquire Vast Arctic Lands

Exploration Party Aboard Dirigible, Shenandoah, Will Penetrate Frozen North

Washington, Dec. 26—More than a million square miles of territory may be added to the United States as a result of the navy's projected expedition into the Artic Cicrle, it was declared by the navy department today.

This big expanse of land, mostly covered with ice, lies between Alaska and the North Pole.

Ordinary exploration, scientific investigation and pioneer work has been officially designated by Secretary Denby of the navy, as the purposes of the forthcoming air trip to the North Pole aboard the giant dirigible, Shenandoah, with hope that it will fire the hearts of the adventurous to plant the American flag on some undiscovered land and thereby add it to the dominion of the United States.

Doffing Guests.

Miss Anna Doffing, a high school teacher of Winona, Minn., and Bernard Doffing of Exeria, Iowa, came Saturday to spend the Christmas vacation with their brother, Wm. Doffing, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Scott and daughters, Virginia Mae and Mary Elizabeth of Walker, Mo., came Monday evening for a holiday visit with Mr. Scott's mother, Mrs J. L. Scott and Mrs. Scott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Linville of Skidmore.

MURDERED MAN NEAR BEDISON BELIEVED TO BE C.P. CHRISTINE

IS A PROMINENT FARMER LIVING NEAR SHELBYVILLE, MO.

WAS FOUND YESTERDAY

At Foot of Deep Fill on Wabash Near Long Branch Trestle—Was Badly Beaten Up—An Iron Pin or Bolt Found Near Scene —Crime Committed a Few Days Ago

Special to Democrat-Forum.

Shelbyville, Mo., Dec. 26.—The man described in The Democrat-Forum's telegram and also in the telephone conversation of Dr. F. C. Wallis of Maryville with parties here answers the description of Charles P. Christine, 30 years old, and a prominent farmer living two miles east of here.

Mr. Christine had been in Iowa shucking corn and was thought by his family to be on his way West, probably to Utah, in search of employment. He was in good circumstances but worked away from home a good deal. His father is a wealthy retired farmer. He leaves besides his parents, a wife and four children.

A local undertaker leaves for Maryville today to take charge of the body.

A young man, probably between 26 and 30 years of age, was found dead yesterday afternoon at the foot of a deep fill near the Long Branch trestle on the Wabash right-of-way, about one mile east of Bedison. From all appearances around the place where the body was found and his condition, it seems apparent the young man was murdered and his body evidently thrown from a box car on a Wabash freight.

Dead for Some Time.

That the young man was murdered a few days ago was indicated by the fact that his body was frozen and that several pieces of brown paper containing blood were found by section men along the Wabash track west of the scene last Saturday.

An iron pin or bolt, the dead man's cap, his one shoe and overshoes apparently belonging to him, were found by Deputy Sheriff Purcell this morning along the Wabash track, west of where his body was found. The cap was cut like the iron pin had been used as the instrument to beat him up. The bolt was several inches long and was heavy.

Discovered by Ed Farley.

The body was discovered by a young man who said his name was Ed Farley, son of Mr. Farley, who works on the George Huff farm near Elmo. Farley reported the incident to Gabe Purcell, deputy sheriff, at Conception Junction late yesterday. Farley said he had ridden in a coal car on a Wabash freight yesterday afternoon and could see the body at the foot of the deep fill. He told Mr. Purcell he had caught the train at Elmo and was on his way to St. Joseph.

The body was brought to the Price Undertaking Parlors last last evening. A search of his clothing revealed that on the inside coat pocket of an army overcoat was the name of M. Jensen. There was also found a birthday card containing a one-cent stamp which had not been cancelled addressed to Mrs. C. H. Christine of Shelbyville, Mo. This card was enclosed in an envelope of a Shelbina, Mo., merchant.

Identification Difficult.

In addition to the army overcoat, he had a coat with the label of Hirsch, Wireshire & Co., clothing tailors. He had on a pair of overalls, two suits of underwear, and one shoe was on. A sack containing two buns, was also found in addition to a few matches and a lead pencil. Nothing else was found to indicate who the young man might be or where he was working.

When his body was brought to Maryville last night, one pocket was turned out, indicating that he might have been robbed of his money and valuables, if he had any.

Murder Theory Strongest.

That the young man was murdered was the opinion of the authorities. The young man's head appeared to have been beaten up, and his scalp for about half way back of his head, was torn loose. There was a hole in his head right below the left ear but it was not thought this was caused by a bullet.

A piece of brown paper covered with blood and apparently having a hole in it as would be made by a 45-calibre bullet was found on the west side of the Long Branch trestle on the Wabash. But Dr. F. C. Wallis, county coroner, who examined the body last night was unable to find any bullet hole in the dead man.

Had One Shoe Off.

From the evidences so far at hand, the county authorities were of the opinion the young man was in a box car on a Wabash freight going west last Saturday. Evidently the man was resting in a box car and had one shoe off. His attacker or attackers murdered him in the box car and then threw his body out of the box car at the place where the body was found. Then the party or parties threw out pieces of brown paper with blood on them which were in the box car, along the Wabash track for more than a mile west of where the body was.

Officers Visit Scene.

Dr. F. C. Wallis, coroner and Leo Atherton, deputy sheriff, went to the scene last night. They met Mr. Purcell at Bedison and in company with several Bedison men went to the spot where the body was found. Being late in the evening and dark, not much of an investigation could be made by the officers.

Dr. Wallis telephoned to Shelbyville this morning and gave the description of the murdered man. A banker at Shelbyville said the man answers the description of Charles P. Christine, a farmer living near that town. He said that a party from Shelbyville would come to Maryville as soon as possible to identify the dead man.

Dr. Wallis said no coroner's inquest would be held until the party from Shelbyville arrives.

The county authorities have no clues to work on.

LITTLE HOPE FOR DIXMUDE SAFETY

GIANT DIRIGIBLE STILL MISSING AT 3 THIS AFTERNOON.

SOME ABANDON ALL HOPE

Minister of Marine Convinced Airship Was Either Forced Down in Mediterranean or In Sahara.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The giant French dirigible, Dixmude, with fifty persons aboard, was still missing at 3 o'clock this afternoon, but French officials would not give up all hope that the persons aboard would be found alive.

Chicago, Dec. 26—Hope for the safety of the giant dirigible, Dixmude with fifty persons aboard, which has been missing since Friday when it started across the Mediterranean for Algiers, was officially abandoned today.

Officials of the Ministry of the Marine said they were convinced that the Dixmude was either blown down into the Mediterranaen or was forced to land on the Sahara desert.

As the wind had been blowing steadily from the west the Marine officials discounted the later report that the Dixmude was seen over southern Tunis.

The general belief is that the Dixmude, with its fuel supply exhausted and with only one motor running, was forced down into the Mediterranean.

French destroyers were searching the sea while stations along the Mediterranean continued to dispatch messages to the Dixmude.

Stanberry Case Up Before Court Today

An injunction to restrain the city of Stanberry from interfering with running a pool hall at Stanberry owned by Ficklin & Wagner was heard by Judge John M. Dawson this morning in Maryville. The county court had issued the pool hall license, but the city of Stanberry refused to grant the license on the grounds, it was said, that Stanberry wants to do away with pool halls. Judge Dawson refused to grant the injunction as mandamus proceedings have been brought against Stanberry and will be heard by Judge Tibbels at Albany on January 21.

CAPITAL'S LIQUOR LIST IS A. W. O. L.

EMINENT WASHINGTON FIGURES CLAIMED TO BE ON IT.

INVESTIGATION BREWING

Assistant Attorney-General and Drys in Congress Threaten Action Regardless of Personages.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The famous bootleggers' client list, said to contain the names of 1,400 eminent Washington figures, and for which the Capital has been on "Qui Vive" for a week was officially listed as "missing in action" today.

In the language of military communique, "little hope is held out for its recovery." Arthur Presmont, assistant attorney-general, threatened one investigation today and the drys of Congress threatened another.

"Warrants will be issued before the end of the week for those involved," Presmont said. "And I'm going to find out what became of the list. I don't care whether it contains the names of members of the cabinet or of Congress. If their names are on the list and if we can prove they bought liquor, they will be prosecuted."

Announcement of the capture of the famous list was made with some pride by the local police simultaneously with the raid that netted thirteen arrests of persons charged with operating an exclusive rum-running business. It was also announced that the list had been turned over to the federal agents of the internal revenue bureau. But the agents of the bureau denied that the police ever turned the list over to them.

Boiler Explodes in U. S. Embassy at Berlin

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Considerable damage was done today by a boiler explosion in the American embassy.

A fire brigade was rushed to the scene and assisted in making repairs.

All of the excitement had subsided in less than a half hour an hour.

Only 8 Fatalities With Holiday Rum

Either prohibition liquor is improving or the United States is drinking less, for in this country of 110 million persons, only eight died from Christmas day jubilees, according to a canvass made today.

New York and Chicago were tied for the lead with three dead each. Philadelphia and Birmingham, Ala., each report one moonshine fatality.

40 Communists are Arrested in Spain

Plot Directed From Moscow Against Spanish Directory Was Planned for Friday

Madrid, Dec. 26—Forty communists have been arrested in this and three other Spanish cities as a result of a communistic plot that was to have come to a climax Friday, according to information received here.

It is claimed that the conspiracy was aimed against the Spanish Directory and was engineered and financed from Moscow.

The police are searching for Luis Tortela, the communist leader, who escaped.

Portugese authorities are co-operating with the Spanish as evidence shows the plot had remifications in Portugal.

U. S. and Turkey Will Adjust Claims

Washington, Dec. 26—The United States and Turkey have agreed to set up a mixed-claims commission to adjust the American and Turkish claims growing out of the World War it was announced at the state department today.

Visited with Relatives

Mr. and Mrs. John Vert, Mrs. V. A. Guthrie and James Vert left Monday for Lorimer, Ia., to spend Christmas with relatives.

John Bateman and Mrs. J. A. Murphy of Rea, Mo., arrived this noon to spend a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Meek.

THE WEATHER

Rain probable tonight or Thursday; warmer in the southeast portion tonight; colder Thursday in the northwest portion.

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LARGEST CIRCULATION IN NODAWAY COUNTY.

Bible Thought for Today

SAFETY FROM EVIL.—The fear of the Lord tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.—Proverbs 19:23.

WHY FARMERS MOVE TO TOWN.

This article consists of thoughts mostly taken from speeches made at the Rural Life Conference, St. Louis, Mo., November 8-10, 1923.

I have met very few city residents who were not ready to tell the farmer how to get along. Most of us are too generous in proffering advice to the farmer. He is not going to thank us for it. He knows a great deal more about his art and the conditions under which he has to operate than those who undertake to teach him, and he has some idea what would happen if he and his brother farmers should meet in convention and volunteer recommendations to physicians, for instance, how to deal with patients and conduct the affairs of their profession.

The farmer knows very well his business is no longer a paying one: why this alarming drift to the cities. He knows what is wrong in rural life, and he is about the only one who does know.

Of course, city people think differently. In their mind it is always the farmer's fault. There are no amusements in the country; therefore if farmers were not so hopelessly stupid, they would have movie theaters built at every cross-road. Some experts are of the opinion that the farmer should wear better clothes, and send his boys to threshing in evening suits and his girls to milk the cows in ballroom slippers. One prominent daily remarked most seriously that if the average farmer could only be got to take his family to town every Saturday afternoon, play tennis and have a dish of ice cream, very probably nearly all difficulties would be removed.

The latest suggestion is higher education for the farmer's family. He could keep his sons and daughters on the farm if he would only send them to college. Keep them on the farm by getting them off the farm. He ought to be able to see how much more kindly they would take to the plough, to milking two or three dozen cows and to packing hay on the top of a mow on a hot day, if they had only a college education. And yet, the singular thing is that, with this so-called education boys and girls get in the country, they come into the city and soon walk ahead of all the others in every walk of life. But the misfortune is that farmers have now and then put the advice of sending their sons to a city college into practice, and that almost in every case the boys who attended there stayed in the city.

Give the farmer his share and he will do the rest. Clothing, amusements, education, we can wisely leave it all to him. The laboring man is receiving wages at least twice as high as ten years ago. We are all glad of it, but the agitation to obtain these wages did not work out as the poor laborer intended. His strife was with the large employer, the manufactor, the capitalist. He claimed a larger share in their common output and he intended and contended that the capitalist should be satisfied with less. The laborer eventually got very much more, but it did not come out of the capitalist. The farmer was victimized. The farmer is allowed of the fruit of his toil and investment [illegible] than 25 per cent, and the remainder [illegible] per cent goes to the grain dealers, railways, farm implement manufactures, middle men and government officials. To change this is the problem before us. It is not such a hard problem. Let the grain dealers, railways, manufactures, middle men, money-lenders be satisfied with less. Do not compell the farmer to pay for the first class automobiles, expensive homes, luxurious dressing, seaside and summer resorts, vacations for a large portion of our city populations, and he will be well pleased to stay on the farm.

The farmer is oppressed by taxes and the city man wishes to put more on him almost every day. The city man wants to have paved, expensive roads, and because he wants them, they should be good also for the farmer and he should help to pay for them. The city man wants fine school buildings to give the farmer a better education. The city man wants this and that blessing for the farmer. It may be all good enough; may be a fine thing also for our rural community. But the farmer is unable to pay for all these improvements, and therefore don't bother him with them. They are beyond his means; are the very things which drive him from the farm into the city. A glance at the unpainted farm houses, the poorly built and poorly kept barns; the heavily mortgaged farm property should convince anybody that the farmer is very prudent if he declines to run into deeper debts.

There is yet another cause of the great exodus from the farm into the city. What have we ever done to impress the farmer and his family with the dignity and nobility of their calling? Is there a single text-book in the United States which recommends young people to stay on the farm? Are our newspapers not full of sports, of the gay life in our towns and cities,—all temptations to our country boys and girls to leave the farm? Are not all kinds of celebrations, such as corn-shows, school gatherings, etc., held in our towns and cities and are our children not constantly urged to attend them? And everybody is complaining that the farmer is leaving the farm, and puts the blame on him.

Forumettes

The good natured
Man may always
Expect to be
Imposed on.

Well, did you do your Christmas hinting well?

Now that Christmas is over you better hurry and brush up your New Year's resolutions.

The people we can't stand are those who see an ulterior motive behind every generous thought or deed.

A cynical bachelor says a married man who thinks he can get by by not telling his wife everything is foolish, because if he doesn't tell her some one else will.

Uncle Abner, the town philosopher, says if you act on impulse you may expect a lot of repulses.

We would not be a bit surprised to hear some enthusiastic motorist suggest that watchmen be stationed at the various railroad crossing to stop the trains to let the automobiles pass.

What has become of the great paper bag cooking idea which sprouted a few years back?

Our neighbor's little son is beginning to doubt about Santa Claus. He says he got some things for Christmas which he saw in his mother's dresser drawer a few weeks back.

Why should you be worried about paying your debts when the civilized nations of the world now owe more money than they ever can pay?

We believe it is more important to do good than to be good.

Do you know of anything which will make you madder than to decline the invitation of a friend to play a game of billiards as you wish to hurry home from the office so your wife would not have to wait supper and to get there and find that she had not come home yet from her shopping trip or bridge party?

When you flatter people they will believe anything but the fact that you are flattering them.

An absent minded lawyer was in the chair of his favorite barber at a Main street tonsorial barber the other afternoon. After the barber had finished cutting his hair he said, "Will you have a tonic?" "Well," replied the customer, "you might give me a small glass."

Many a girl who made wonderful mud pies when she was a little slip thinks she is qualified for wifehood.

There is a certain pessimist in town who is always saying life is not worth living, but we know he always puts on overshoes at the first sign of rain.

This is surely a jazz age. The neighbor across the street says a lullabye will not put her baby to sleep any more but that he will doze off right away to, "Yes, We Have No Bananas."

Bromides.

What do you suppose a lot of people in Maryville would do if they could not use these several times daily in their conversation:

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever."

"Too many cooks spoil the brother."

"If the cap fits put it on."

"When two Blue Sundays come together."

"Two wrongs never make a right."

"Each man to his trade."

"Wonders never cease."

"Charity begins at home."

"The fool and his money are soon parted."

"I see says the blind man."

"Cheating luck never thrives."

"A sucker is born every minute."

"Money is power."

"The more the merrier."

Louise, the stenographer, says from what she can observe selfishness usually begins at home.

You have to give a lot of Maryville small boys credit for resourcefulness and if we know anything there is one who is going to be a great financier some day. We were in a Main street soda grill the other day and a lad came in with several milk bottles. Setting them on the counter he said, "Chocolate soda, please, and the bottles will pay for it."

Vagrant Musings.

Your good intentions will never get you in the hall of fame.

The favorite word in the English language with any woman is the last one.

A lot of people are like phonograph records—two faced.

It seems no one has ever been able to scratch gracefully.

Apparently the average flapper does not know the difference from bare skin and bear skin in winter.

Today's Vaudeville Patter.

Biff: Why the gloomy look? Have you lost your best friend on earth?

Bang: Worse than that. My favorite bootlegger was just shot.

That's What Old Caesar Did.

From the Kansas City Journal-Post.

When Caesar took a westward ride
And grabbed the Gauls for Rome,
What was the first thing that he did
To make them feel at home?
Did he increase the people's loads,
And liberty forbid?
No; he dug in and built good roads—
That's what old Caesar did.

Did Caesar put the iron heel
Upon the foemen's breast,
Or did he try to make them feel
That Rome rule was the best?
What did he do to make them glad
As he came their lands amid?
He built good roads in place of bad—
That's what old Caesar did.

He built good roads from hill to hill,
Good roads from vale to vale;
He ran a good roads movement
Till Rome got all the kale;
He told the folks to buy at home,
Build roads their ruts to rid,
Until all roads led up to Rome—
That's what old Caesar did.

If any town would make itself
The center of the map,
Where folks will come and settle down
And live in plenty's lap;
If any town its own abodes
Of poverty would rid,
Let it go out and build good roads—
Just as old Caesar did.

—Anonymous.

Marriage Licenses

George F. McElwee ..... Maryville
Mary Edwards ..... Maryville
Chester R. Lyle ..... Maryville
Mildred Nicholas ..... Maryville
Olen G. Shelton ..... Wilcox
Viola D. K. Sloan ..... Wilcox

Mrs. Addy Leaves

Mrs. O. C. Addy left this morning for her home in Artesia, New Mex., after an eight weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Matteson, and her sister, Mrs. J. F. Hull, and family.

Miss Grace Tebow and Misses Blanche and Mabel Erickson motored to St. Joseph yesterday where they spent the day with friends.

Poor Children's Christmas Party

By ELEANOR KING

A Whole Dollar Not Too Much for Ralph to Give to Be Santa Claus

"TAG! Come on; send some poor kiddie to the poor children's Christmas party Friday. Buy a tag," pleaded a smiling girl at the head of the stairs which lead into one of the large art schools. Ralph, one of the many students hurrying into the school, eager to be at work, thrust his hand into his pocket absent-mindedly. This tag day business was happening too often. He had not a cent of change.

"You wouldn't regret giving if you could see those kiddies. We do this

every year over in the normal department, you know," volunteered the girl.

Ralph thought a minute, then put a crisp one-dollar bill into the basket.

"Oh! that's too much to give," called the girl, but Ralph had disappeared down the stairs into the school.

That did not end Ralph's thoughts on the matter, however. In the afternoon he met Frances, one of his girl friends from the normal department. "Ralph," she burst forth, "the tag day surely is going over big. They expect to make quite a lot more than they did last year. Why," she exclaimed in her joy, "do you know, they always say artists are so very poor—well, Aida told me some nice young man put a dollar bill in her basket and never said a word about wanting any change."

Ralph smiled: "That fellow probably was thinking about some composition he was making and didn't even know he put it in."

"No, he didn't, because Aida said he thought a minute before he dropped it in."

That evening as Ralph worked in his room at the boarding house, some way or other he just couldn't keep his mind off his home. He had known right along that he couldn't go home for Christmas but as the time drew nearer—only two more days now before Christmas vacation—he felt very lonely. There was someone besides the folks who made Ralph wish he were going home. Ralph heaved a sigh.

"Gee, I hate to think of it. She will be home from college for the holidays, and I won't be there to take her around. Well, little girl, you understand if all the rest don't. Hang it I would like to see you, Lillian!"

Everybody at school went about whistling and singing, why shouldn't he? He should. Hadn't he given that dollar he had been saving so long for some colors he wanted? If he couldn't go home, he was at least contributing to someone else's happiness. Come to think of it, there are loads of people in this very city who have no place to even think of as home.

Suddenly Ralph burst out laughing. Posing as a martyr—the idea; a healthy, hearty, young, robust boy like him posing as a martyr!

His laughter echoed in the semi-empty room and died out. He was seated in an old morris chair with his back to the door, deep in thought, when a light rap on his room door stirred him. Thinking it one of the boys living in the house, and not bothering to rise, he called, "Come in!"

The door opened and Ralph beheld a little black-eyed, black-haired urchin in what once was a white corduroy dress. Leaning against his knee, she looked up into his face. His artist's eye thought instantly, "My, those eyes! Wouldn't they be wonderful to paint!"

"Say," said the little thing as she rolled her eyes, "did you know, I am going to the children's party Friday down at your school?"

"Well, where did you drop from?" ejaculated Ralph in his surprise. "I am sure I never saw you before. I don't know your name, but I think I shall call you the 'Vamp.'".

"My name Jose," corrected the little girl indignantly.

"Well, you surely know the art of rolling your eyes," laughed Ralph.

"Do you want to see my sister? She go, too, Friday."

"Yes, bring in the sister, 'Vamp'—the more the merrier!"

The sister, just able to toddle across the floor, dressed in a figured calico romper suit, was hoisted and boosted into Ralph's lap by Jose. The baby cuddled against Ralph, nestling down perfectly content. Ralph felt a little thrill vibrate through his frame.

The "vamp," still at Ralph's side, leaning both elbows on his knees, peered into his face with her large, lustrous eyes.

"My sister's happy, too, you see, because she goes with me Friday."

"I 'appy," reiterated the black-haired doll on Ralph's lap.

"Is that right?" laughed Ralph, hugging the little kiddies. "But, 'Vamp,' why do you come to tell me about it?"

The vamp looked rather dismayed. "You send me and Angelica," she said,

giving Ralph a knowing little shove. "We see Santa, too, and he big, so big that he bring me and Angelica lots nice things. And he talk to us and pick us up like you did Angelica."

Ralph gave a start. Someone was thundering upon his door with two fists instead of one. The door was locked. He slipped the bolt.

"Well, at last," panted a messenger boy; "I've been pounding for the last half hour here. Sorry to waken you, sir; know it's late, but I just had to deliver this message tonight, sir."

"That's all right," said Ralph, hurriedly tearing open the telegram. The door closed; Ralph read:

"Telegraphing money for you to come home Christmas. Lillian arrives today. DAD."

Ralph could have shouted for joy.

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HENS AVERAGE $2.47 PROFIT IN YEAR

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 26—The poultry division of the College of Agriculture of the University of Missouri has just issued a report for the current year of the results of the demonstration poultry flocks it has established.

There were 296 flocks used this year for the demonstration and the average flock was 156 hens each. The eggs laid by each hen averaged 128.6. The total income from the poultry flock including home consumed products, was $637.67 a farm, while the feed cost was $261.98, thereby leaving an income above feed costs of $385.69 a farm.

This record compares very favorably with previous years, and is only $51 less than during the pick year of 1920. This year's results are about the same as that of last year, and though the increase in feed was $50 a farm more than for last year, the income also showed a similar increase.

The returns for 1923 show that the hens returned $2.53 for each dollar's worth of feed, and the farmer realized a profit above feed cost of $2.47 a hen.

Appointed Executors

Milo E. Torrey, Charles Edmond Harvey and William O. Saunders of Pickering were appointed executors of the estate of James M. Craven who died at his home near Pickering on December 22.

Mrs. Robert Larmer and daughter, Virginia, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Larmer's son, Virgil Larmer, and family in Des Moines, Ia.

Perrin Guests Expected

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perrin Paris, France are expected in Maryville tomorrow to spend New Year with Mr. Perrin's mother, Mrs. A. Perrin and Mrs. Lottie Oman. Mr. and Mrs. Perrin landed in New York December 7 and have been visiting with Mrs. Perrin's mother, Mrs. William Blake of Grand Rapids, Mich. They expect to return to Paris about the first of February.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. McLeod of Perrone, Okla., are expected here tomorrow to visit Mrs. McLeod mother, Mrs. A. R. Perrin.

Beatrice Jean Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Allen announce the birth of a daughter Christmas day at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Allen, 409 E. Sixth street. The baby has been named Beatrice Jean.

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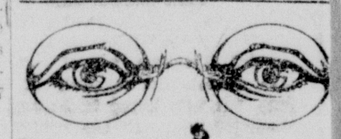

Dr. Baker

Who is now located in Maryville, will diagnose all diseases of the eyes free of charge. If your eyes need treatment he will direct you to a competent oculist for treatment. If you need glasses he certainly understands fitting the most difficult eyes and enable you to see.

Look for Aluminum in *every* package!

Finest table and kitchen ware waiting for you

A few of the 36 pieces of Aluminum in Mother's Oats packages

You can hardly believe it—that you will find a piece of finest aluminum ware in every package of Mother's Oats (Aluminum Brand)! But it's true—get a package today and see.

The offer is made possible by our new plan which brings you all those convenient kitchen luxuries you need and use every day.

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Mother's Oats are made from the tender, plump grains which contain the richest flavor. There are only ten pounds to a bushel. These flavory grains are crushed to bring out their goodness. Therefore, porridge made from Mother's Oats is welcome every day.

Your grocer can supply you with Mother's Oats. Remember, a delightful surprise awaits you in every package. Ask for Mother's *Aluminum* Brand.

Mother's Oats

ATTENTION!

Cattle and Sheep Breeders

There will be held in the city of Tarkio, Mo., at the premises of Low & Christensen on Jan. 3, 4 and 5, 1924, under the auspices of the JAY BEE SALES COMPANY, of South St. Joseph, the most remarkable FEED GRINDING DEMONSTRATION ever witnessed in Missouri. The purpose of this demonstration, is to carry to the feeders of N. W. Missouri, visible and convincing proof of the wonderful performance of the JAY BEE Mill, the extent of its adaptibility, its economy of operation, its durability of construction, and to convincingly and conclusively show feeders of stock, the most available means of combating the high prices of manufactured feeds, to make available for animal consumption home grown feeds, and thus be able to show greater profits in feeding than now exists under the old way of feeding hay and whole grain. We claim for the JAY BEE Mill, that it will grind and reduce to a wholesome digestible fat-producing food, products of the soil that generally go to waste. We claim for the JAY BEE MILL that it will grind and reduce to any degree of fineness desired, products of the soil that no other farm mill can handle, that in the grinding of all commodities, it will turn out a more finished product than any other farm mill will produce, and that with the same horsepower and grinding to the same degree of fineness, it will have a larger capacity than any other grinding process manufactured. We furthermore claim for the JAY BEE Mill, that it will stand up and give 100% service every day of the year, under any conditions known to feeders.

We hereby extend a public invitation to all manufacturers and distributors of all makes of buhr-mills, plate grinders and grinders of any device known to the feeding trade, to join us in this demonstration, by at the same time demonstrating the makes of machines that they manufacture and distribute and sell to the feeding trade, and thereby give the interested public an opportunity to witness the performance of the various machines.

We invite all feeders and other interested parties, to attend this demonstration. If you desire to have some shelled corn, ear corn, snapped corn, corn fooder, wheat, oats, barley, clover or alfalfa hay, cane or any other product of the soil ground, bring what you desire to have ground, with you, and we will convert it into ground feed without cost to you.

This is an educational campaign, and we are prepared to show feeders and farmers that when they grind home-grown feeds for their stock, that they will be enabled to make greater profits than under the old way of feeding, that they can shorten the feeding period from a month to five weeks, and on a saving of hay and because of the shorter feeding period in finishing a bunch of 100 steers, they can by the evidence of those who have adopted the modern method of cattle feeding, save the price that a JAY BEE Mill might cost them. What others have accomplished can also be done by yourself. THE JAY BEE MILL IS THE CHEAPEST WHEN THE WORK IS DONE.

Jay Bee Sales Company

Livestock Exchange, South St. Joseph, Mo.

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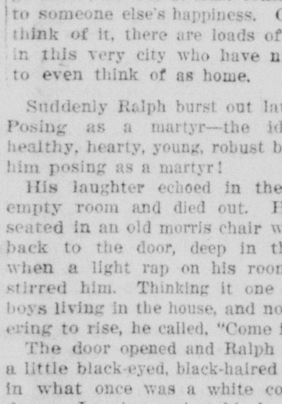

NODAWAY VALLEY BANK
Maryville, Mo.

SOCIETY

Entertained at Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. John Lockhart entertained at Christmas dinner yesterday V. A. Guthrie and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Guthrie.

Lett Guests

Mr. and Mrs. William Lett entertained with a dinner and Christmas tree yesterday at their home, eleven miles northeast of Maryville, for Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hanna and baby son, Billy, and Mr. and Mrs. James Lett and son, Forrest.

Hanna Guests

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hanna entertained with a Christmas dinner yesterday noon at their home on North Main street. Their guests included Mr. and Mrs. George C. Toel and Mr and Mrs. Henry D. Toel of St. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Scharz and children, Margaret, Betty, and Dickie of Kansas City, Lawrence Toel of Dallas, Texas, Forrest Hanna of Kansas City, Mrs. Agnes Dutton and George Herren of Maryville.

Gross-Harris.

William Gross, 824 North Fillmore street, announces the marriage of his daughter, Mary A., to Clarence C. Harris of St. Joseph. The wedding took place Sunday, December 2, at the home of the officiating minister. The couple are at home in St. Joseph where the bridegroom is employed.

Castillo Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Castillo, 722 North Walnut street, entertained at dinner yesterday when their guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Castillo and children, Glenn and Myrene; Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Castillo and daughter, Katheryn; Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Livengood of Elmo, and Miss Elfreda Castillo.

Ray Family Reunion

A family reunion was held Sunday at the home of Mitchell Ray, 220 South Saunders street, the occasion being Mrs. Harry Bartlett's birthday anniversary. Dinner was enjoyed at noon and refreshments of ice cream and cake were served in the evening. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bartlett and children, Pearl and Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Ray and children, Beatrice, Jimmie and Alice Pauline, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hopp and children, Raymond, Evelyn, and Thomas Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. George Ray and son, Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ray and children, Helen, Junior, Robert Mitchell, and Margaret Louise, Miss Edna Coffin, and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson of Ottawa, Kan., and the hosts.

Ashford Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M.Ashford entertained at dinner on Christmas day. Plates were laid for Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ashford, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Moore of Clearmont; Mrs. Florence Garrett of Burlington Junction; Mrs. Mary E. Ashford, Miss Allen Ward, James King, Marion Childress, Frank Peace, Thelma Ashford, Ona Combs, Marie, Mildred, Leona, Blanche, Roland and Mary Gertrude Ashford, Lester, Flora Mae, Francis, Harold and Eugene Moore. Afternoon guests were Arthur Hiatt and Alta Ditto. Following the dinner Victrola and piano music were enjoyed.

Bridal Couple Visit Here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rocheleau of Algona, Ia., arrived in Maryville this morning to spend their honeymoon with the latter's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Belcher. The couple was married yesterday at the home of the bride's father, C. W. Rutledge of Algona.

Edwards-McElwee.

In the presence of their immediate relatives, Mrs. Mary Edwards and George McElwee were married at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace, east of Maryville. The ceremony was performed by Dr. C. C. James, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

Preceding the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Wallace entertained the following guests at a Christmas dinner: Mr. and Mrs. Omar Wallace and son of Council Bluffs, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thornhill and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Haigwood and family, Mrs. Joe Johnston, Mrs. Elva McElwee, George McElwee and daughter, Dora Belle McElwee and Mrs. Edwards and daughter, Augusta.

After a short honeymoon trip to St. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. McElwee will be at home on a farm, six miles east of Maryville.

Former Maryville Girl Weds

Miss Nona Lucile Donahue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Donahue of Maryville, and Mr. Ray E. Wood of Bozeman, Mont., were united in marriage on Christmas eve, the Rev. Father Leitham of Bozeman officiating. The bride formerly taught in Nodaway County and for several years has been teaching in Montana. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Major Wood of Bozeman. Mr. and Mrs. Wood expect to make their home in Montana.

Hull Guests

A family group dining at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hull on Christmas day included the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Matteson, her sister, Mrs. O. C. Addy of Artesia, New Mex.; Misses Sophie and Emma Hull, and Ray, Elizabeth and Kenneth Hull.

Gray Guests

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gray entertained with a Christmas dinner at their home on North Main street. Their guests were Mrs. J. E. Alexander of Lincoln, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gray and children, John, Phyllis and Marjorie, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gumm and children, Winifred and Laddie of Pickering; Miss Roine Gray of Reliance, Wyo.; and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lahr and little son, Jimmie.

Christmas Party.

A Christmas party was given Saturday evening for members of the B. B. Club and their families at the home of Mrs. Fred Wyatt. The evening was spent in music and guessing games, prizes being awarded in the latter diversion. Refreshments of apples, popcorn balls and candy were served. A short Christmas program was given, as follows: Recitation, "Oh Santa Claus," Charlene Moore; song, "Silent Night;" recitation, "Why Do Bells for Christmas Ring," Elaine Neal; recitation, Esther Russell; recitation, "Constant Christmas," Roberta Kingery; and song, "Joy to the World." The special features of the evening were the Christmas tree with old Santa Claus delivering the presents and the appearance of Santa Claus, junior, and his wife carrying baskets filled with candy for the small children. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Russell, Miss Nellie Cox, Miss Grace Tebow, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gilliland, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Neal, Mrs. Don Kingery, Miss Annie Kingery, Mr. and Mrs. John Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hull, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Skidmore, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gray, Mr. and Mrs. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore, Mrs. Marion Ripley, Mrs. Dona Meek, Miss Wyatt, Misses Annetta and Selma Bird, Veda and Esther Hull, Ruby Rice, Blanche and Mabel Erickson, Esther and Rebecca Russell, Chloe, Blanche, Lucile and Charlene Moore, Elaine Neal, Lucile Brown, Ruth and Alice Jones, Roberta, Mildred and Deloris Kingery, and Floyd Bird, Ernest Neal, Junior Brown, Charles Moore, Jr. Donald Kingery, Pete Russell, Curtis Dean Gray, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wyatt and son, Trevis.

Gives Class Party

A senior class party was given at the home of Delman Roelofson, of Barnard, Thursday evening. The rooms were beautifully decorated with wreaths and holly, and the center of attraction was a tree loaded with gifts, ranging from a diamond ring to a popgun. Many jokes were played on the members of the faculty and all present participated in party games. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served and immediately afterwards the presents were distributed. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blagg, Miss Florine Pollard, Afton Pollard, Edward Nelson, Lorice Cotter, Mavis Groves, Lois Davidson, Vada Cliser, Sybil Rowland, Clarice Hartley, Mrs. Morrow and daughter, Florice. The hosts were Delman Roelofson, Richard Lyle and Halph Huff.

Nicholas-Lyle Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Mildred Nicholas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miles A. Nicholas, to Chester R. Lyle of Maryville took place at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, 816 North Mulberry street. The service was read by Dr. C. C. James, pastor of the First Methodist Church. Following the ceremony the couple left for a short honeymoon trip and upon their return will be at home at 716 South Buchanan street. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle are graduates of the Maryville High School and the former also attended the University of Missouri at Columbia. The bridegroom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey Lyle of Maryville, and is now associated with the Yehle Dry Goods Company.

Entertained at Dinner.

J. B. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor entertained with a Christmas dinner at their home northeast of Maryville the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Thais Casteel, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Casteel, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Wray and family, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Willhoyte and daughter, Leora, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Neville, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Wells and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Lawler and son, Junior, from Lincoln, Neb., and Miss Anna O'Connell. Afternoon visitors were Miss Agnes and John O'Connell. A very pretty Christmas tree and presents for everybody with a short program was the feature of the afternoon.

Turkey Dinner.

On Christmas day, Mrs. Martha Partridge and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Knox gave a 12 o'clock turkey dinner for Mrs. Partridge's daughter, Mrs. Rosa Dolph of Colby, Kan. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Partridge and children, Charles, Allen, Arthur and Martha, Mr. and Mrs. Will Partridge and daughters, Irene and Marjorie, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Reynolds and daughter, Fay, Mrs. Bessie Woodard and daughter, Maxine, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Knox.

Goforth Guests.

A family party dining at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Goforth on Christmas day were the latter's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Conner of Bridgewater, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Medsker and family of Skidmore, and Doris Marie and Donald Goforth.

Fisher Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Fisher entertained at a Christmas dinner for Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott and children, Mr. and Mrs. James Fisher and son, Misses Jesie, Ada and Ruth Fisher, Paul, Billy and Frank Fisher and Elfreida Buck.

Ray Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ray entertained with a goose dinner on Christmas day at their home near Maryville for Mr. and Mrs. M. Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ray and children, Helen, Margaret Louise, Junior and Robert Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Frost, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hopp and children, Raymond, Evelyn and Thomas Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bartlett and children, Pearl and Ray, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Murry and daughter, Mona Marie, and Mrs. Shack Cozad of St. Joseph; Miss Edna Coffin and Eugene Ray.

For Colorado Visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Winell of Wilcox entertained Sunday in honor of the latter's brother, Orlo Gingrich, and family of Manzanola, Colo. Additional guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gingrich and sons, Dean and Harold, Mrs. M. P. Gingrich and daughter, Mrs. Miranda Heflin, and Helen, Carl and Harry Winell.

Edwards Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Edwards and family entertained at Christmas dinner yesterday at their home on East Cooper street. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. William Tarpley, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murray and family of St. Joseph, and Eva Edwards.

Just arrived car high grade Illinois Washed Nut, $7.00 to $7.50 per ton. Wm. Everhart.

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ADVOCATE OF FAGS

Glenna Wedman Day, president of the Student Government association at Pembroke hall, the women's section of Brown university, Providence, R. I., is gathering signatures to a petition asking the faculty to provide a smoking room for the girl students, as well as to grant them permission to puff cigarettes on the campus.

Freshman And Sophomore Prize Essays On Thrift And The Home

The following are two of the prize winning essays in the high school division of the contest conducted by the Maryville Chamber of Commerce. The first essay was written by Marjorie G. Sawyers, a sophomore in the Ravenwood High School and the second one, written by Mabel Wygal of the same school, won the prize in the freshman division. The essays follow:

Thrift and home ownership are educational. Thrift is educational because it teaches the children to be economical and saving. A child that is brought up in a home where the parents practice thrift is seldom a spendthrift. In this kind of a home the children are taught the real value of money and the value of saving it. Money is to be spent but not in a spendthrift, shiftless way and the children should be taught this. Every one knows that is a very wise plan to save some money. Children should be taught to save a portion of their spending money and thus get the habit of thrift.

Homeownership is educational in that it creates an interest in the home. Anyone naturally feels proud of owning something. When the children's parents own their own homes the children nautrally take a pride in the home which is a benefit to everyone concerned. When the people own their own homes they take more interest in the community in which they live. They want their community to be the best, therefore they do their best to make it so.

Thrift and home ownership have a great deal of influence financially too Thrift of course would make one in a great deal better condition financially than otherwise. Children brought up in homes that practice thrift learn the value of thrift by seeing the results of being in a better condition financially. Thrifty people are nearly always better off financially than other people. A person need not be stingy to be thrifty but just save wherever it is possible without injuring the home or family.

Homeownership also has a great deal to do with the training of children financially. Home owners should show the value of owning the home to the children and the children are thus inspired by their parents to strive to own their homes. Home owners are usually the best educated and thrifty people of the community. They are usually the people who count and are the good citizens of the community. In every way they are a value, not a detriment to the community.

"The Educational and Financial Value of Thrift and Home Ownership"

Thrift began with civilization. It began when men found it necessary to provide for tomorrow as well as today. Thrift means private economy. It includes domestic economy as well as the order and management of the family. The object of thrift is to manage the resources of the family to prevent waste and avoid useless expenditures. To understand the educational value of thrift we should note the difference between the thrifty and thriftless. The thriftless live beyond their means, they live extravagantly. They struggle to be rich, that they may have the means of spending — of drinking rich wines and giving good dinners. The thriftless may have the necessary skill to earn money but they do not have enough wisdom to save it. People who spend all they earn are ever hanging on the brink of destitution. They must necessarily be weak and impatient. They work, eat, drink and sleep, that constitute their life. They think nothing of providing for tomorrow.

The thrifty man always has something saved. His capital is a source of power. He can look forward with cheerfulness to an old age of comfort and happiness. Every father should wish his children to acquire the habit of saving and using everything to the best advantage. A great part of our education is gained in the home. If the child is given a small allowance he will be more apt not to waste it, than when given a large allowance.

The financial value of thrift is clearly seen. It is the savings of individuals which compose the wealth. The thrifty build houses and mills. They build ships and send them to various parts of the world. They put their capital together and build railroad, harbors and docks. They open up mines of coal, iron and copper. They employ laborers to work in the mines, thus, give rise to an immense amount of employment.

The thrifty man has a great deal of share in the progress of the world. So the thrifty man saves money, this money produces wealth and this wealth aids in the development of the world.

Next we take up the problem of home ownership. The homes of any people are the very beginning of its progress. They are the schools in which our people are trained for citizenship. A person who is trained in a good home will usually become an example of industry and honesty. The home is the birth place of true patriotism and true patriotism is one of the most important characteristics in the upbuilding of the nation.

When the residence is not owned by those who live in it, one of the ties which hold the family together is missing and the home is there by weakened.

Home ownership teaches responsibility. If the home is owned, the family will take pleasure in tending and beautifying it, making permanent improvements. We know that if a boy has his own clothes he will take better care of them than if he had to wear his brother's. The same is true of the home. If the home is owned, the family will take better care of it than they would if it was rented. Responsibility trains the mind and develops the character. It makes more [illegible] man.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their kindness which they have shown during the sickness and death of our father and brother, A. R. Middleton; also for the beautiful floral offerings.

James Middleton, I. N. Middleton and Frank Middleton.

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IF SKIN BREAKS OUT AND ITCHES APPLY SULPHUR

Just the moment you apply Mentho-Sulphur to an itching, burning or broken out skin, the itching stops and healing begins, says a noted skin specialist. This sulphur preparation, made into a pleasant cold cream, gives such a quick relief, even to fiery eczema, that nothing has ever been found to take its place.

Because of its germ-destroying properties, it quickly subdues the itching, cools the irritation and heals the eczema right up, leaving a clear, smooth skin in place of ugly eruptions, rash, pimples or roughness.

You do not have to wait for improvement. It quickly shows. You can get a little jar of Rowles Mentho-Sulphur at any drug store.

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A thousand strong-limbed men stood ready to do the bidding of the great leader. Fate hovered like a cruel menace over the vast shipyards of the Keogh family. A colossal edifice of wealth built up over many hard years tottered on its foundations. But above the turmoil and unrest the daughter of the Keoghs, gentle, beautiful, superb fought courageously for her great inheritance.

A picture that reaches into the soul of the masses and brings forth a vivid message of love and loyalty.

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Presents

"The Strangers' Banquet"

By Donn Byrne, with Claire Windsor, Hobart Bosworth, Rockliffe Fellowes, Ford Sterling, Dagmar Godowsky, Eleanor Boardman, Claude Gillingwater.

Directed by Marshall Neilan. Distributed by Goldwyn.

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MARYVILLE'S REAL CITY STORE

Last Minute Creations

Changeable Silk Hats

$8.00 to $12.50

A clever somebody once said that there were two things which never fail to give a woman a fresh interest in life and one of them is a new Hat.

We now have on display a wonderful assortment of really advance styles in changeable silk hats. Right now in the drabness of winter, when your other hat has become sort of commonplace with you and you want a change, these new styles will be a welcome addition to your wardrobe. Most of these new hats are of the Poke Bonnet effect.

Brighten up your winter outfit with one of these new last-minute Hats.

Violet and Her Christmas Catch

By ETHEL AUGUSTA COOK

Girl's Kindness and Understanding Appealed to Handsome Young Dick Barnes

Aunt Sophia Played Clever Part by Supplying a Dinner Party

RICHARD BARNES was the "best catch" in Williamsville. At least that is what the mothers of unmarried maidens there told themselves and sometimes each other. But what is more, the maidens themselves thought so. And Violet Martin, who was neither the prettiest, nor the richest, nor the cleverest of the maidens, agreed with them in their estimate of the big, handsome, wealthy fellow. But it was, with her, not his riches, or his good looks, or even his great popularity that gave her this thought. No, it was a feeling she had for the whole two years since he had come to Williamsville, that he would make one of the best comrades in the world. She understood his special sense of humor. She loved his laugh. Violet Martin was honestly in love with this big, congenial boy.

Richard was in love with Violet, too. He was quite certain of that. But he was spoiled. Anyone would be spoiled who was adored as Richard was adored. You see, it was not only the girls—there was his mother who had spoiled him from infancy. That is why Richard, although he knew he loved this girl who wasn't the prettiest, nor the richest, nor the wisest in Williamsville—no, not by far, had not quite come to the point of proposing. For Violet, who was honestly in love with him (not like the others who were in love with the idea of perhaps being loved by this hero) dared not show her adoration. No, she dared only be as frank and comradely as a boy, and treat him like an equal.

And Richard was a little put out with this. Any reflection of himself in a girl's eyes short of a hero's reflection made him feel strange.

Besides, he wasn't sure it was possible for a man to be in love with a lady unless she was in love with him. He had pride, too.

But Christmas night the drama came to its crisis.

Violet had agreed to go to a musical comedy with him, a good show that

"Let's Go to the 'Movies' Instead," She Whispered Eagerly.

had been a success in New York, and was in Williamsville just this one night. All the Williamsville youths would be there with their ladies, and Richard, deep in his heart, was glad that they were to see him with Violet.

"I don't know why I feel this inordinate pride in her," he told himself. "There are prettier girls, and as jolly. And girls that are nicer to me, too. But it's Violet I'd rather be seen with than any of 'em."

When he called for her the whole family was sitting around the open fire in the big front parlor. Evidently they had had a family Christmas dinner, for Violet's aunt and uncle and her cousins were still there, and unmarried Aunt Sophia.

"Time to start for the theater?" Violet's father exclaimed in amazement when he saw Richard. "Well, we'd better get our things on, too."

It seemed that not only youth was going to the musical comedy. But Aunt Sophia was not going. She had not thought to get herself a ticket, and apparently no one had thought for her. Aunt Maud was going with her husband. The young cousins were going with their beaux. Mrs. Martin with Mr. Martin. And Violet was going with Dick.

Aunt Sophia until this minute had not realized how lonely a Christmas night she had in store for herself at home in her tiny apartment. She stood now, gazing about almost like a child afraid of sudden loneliness.

But no one noticed the look, and Sophia had never meant they should. Oh, yes. Someone had noticed. Violet's clear eyes had caught it and with a pang at her heart understood. Why hadn't father planned something for Sophia for tonight? Why hadn't he got a seat for her? How could her dear blessed parents be so thoughtless? Why, Aunt Sophia was mother's own sister. "And mother never seemed to guess how dreary it must be on Christmas Eve—"

Violet hushed her criticism of her parents and took action herself. No other girl in Williamsville, it is safe to say, would have done what she did then.

"Let's go to the 'movies' instead," she whispered eagerly and quickly in Richard's ear, "and take Aunt Sophia with us."

Richard was amazed, and disappointed. But when he had looked across the hall at Aunt Sophia he suddenly understood. Well, Violet had always known he was the best comrade and the most understanding a girl could ever have whether he was ever to be more or not. Now he justified that faith.

"Good for you," he whispered back, and together they went over to Aunt Sophia. But Aunt Sophia would not hear of it. "No indeed. Anyway, moving pictures are hard on my eyes."

"But you know we couldn't get a seat at this last hour for the musical

"That Is Why That Was the Night He Chose for Proposing."

show," Richard explained. "And any way, if we did, you couldn't sit with us. We want you to sit with us!"

With what gratitude Aunt Sophia's eyes beamed at that. "No, of course you couldn't get a seat there," she agreed. "And I wouldn't let you if you could, you generous young man! But I will tell you what I will do. I'll get up a little supper for you two if you'll come in after the theater, and you may bring some of your friends. That will be splendid. I'll have a merry evening, truly, getting ready for you."

And she really would. Her face told them that. For even better than gayety on Christmas night, is the opportunity to do a loving thing for someone dear to you. And Violet was dear to Aunt Sophia, and Dick soon would be!

At the theater Dick suddenly told himself, "I know what it is about Violet that makes her sweeter to my feeling than all the other girls put together! It's because she's the kindest. And perhaps she'll be kind to me and take me even if she's not so all-fired in love!"

And that is why that was the night he chose for proposing.

He did it going home from Aunt Sophia's party.

But perhaps Violet was one of the wisest after all. For Richard still thinks it was partly, at least, her kindness that made her take him!

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Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stanfield and children, William, Junior and Eleanor, left today in their car for Glenwood, Ia., where they will spend the rest of the week with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Phipps of Battle Creek, Mich., came Monday to spend the holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Townsend.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

Just arrived car high grade Illinois Washed Nut, $7.00 to $7.50 per ton. Wm. Everhart.

Salts Fine for Aching Kidneys

When Back Hurts Flush Your Kidneys as You Clean Your Bowels

Most folks forget that the kidneys, like the bowels, sometimes get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders.

You simply must keep your kidneys active and clean and the moment you feel an ache or pain in the kidney region begin drinking lots of water. Also get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good drug store here, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is intended to flush clogged kidneys and help stimulate them to activity. It also helps neutralize the acids in the urine so they no longer irritate, thus helping to relieve bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia water drink which everybody should take now and then to help keep their kidneys clean.

A well-known local druggist says he sells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in trying to correct kidney trouble while it is only trouble. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.

NOTICE

I will be in Maryville at the First National Bank Friday, Dec. 28, to collect taxes for White Cloud township.

HARRY HUNT, Collector.

MAJOR C. A. BAER INSPECTS BATTERY

STATE OFFICERS ALSO INSPECTS AT BURLINGTON JUNCTION

OUTLINES TRAINING PLAN

Major Baer Was Accompanied by Capt. David L. Ruffner and Lieut. J. R. McKendrick

Major C. A. Baer, regular senior inspector of field artillery, of Sedalia made his quarterly inspection of Battery C of Maryville and also the artillery located at Burlington Junction Major Baer was accompanied on his inspection trip by Captain David L. Ruffner, junior inspector.

Major Baer outlined the course of training for Battery C for the next six months and arranged it so that he Maryville unit would be in top form for the annual field manuevers at Fort Sill the first week in September.

Lieutenant J. R. McKendrick, state veterinary inspector made the trip with Major Baer and inspected the horses and stable conditions of the mounts kept in Maryville.

Lieut. McKendrick reported the stables to be in excellent conditions and said the upkeep of the horses was good. The horses are in need of dental work according to Lieut. McKendrick.

Most of the battery boys are out of town for the Christmas holidays, although final drill for the year will be held next Monday night. The first drill of the new year will be held on January 7. At this time the new schedule as arranged by Major Baer will be followed.

Card of Thanks

The undersigned has much to be grateful for even though a Hospital Loafer for three months, I am not sick yet physically completely knocked out and constantly under nurse care. Do not suffer enough pain to complain of. Letters of sympathy from many of the good people of from Maryville and elsewhere, more than I could answer in kind (I cannot write) and Christmas Greetings overflowing me and other good things. How sweet to be remembered. I take this method of expressing thanks to all. It was Mdme. D'Stael, I think, who said: "O, Memory, thou bittersweet; both of joy and a scourge." Maryville is a good place to be in sick or well. I have no hates but many lovers. My health is slowly improving. And again, thanks to all.

Ira K. Alderman

Sharr Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sharr entertained at a Christmas dinner at their home, southeast of Pickering, for Mr. and Mrs. Austin Sharr, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Treese, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Latimer, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sharr, Alma, Erma and Edith Partridge, Verna Treese, Alfractta Latimer, Gracie Sharr, Burl Sharr, Reva and Ivo Treese, Nellie and Gladys Partridge, Hazel and Lora Madge Sharr, Earl, Ernest and Wilbur Sharr, Ervin and Bernard Treese, Wilmer Sharr and Norman Gililian.

Mortin Duff of Blockton, Ia., arrived in Maryville last night to spend a week with his cousin, Richard Baker.

Judge and Mrs. Jesse F. Robertson went to St. Joseph this afternoon to spend a few days.

JOY OF HEALTH WOMAN'S RIGHT

Mrs. Evans Freed from Female Weakness by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Detroit, Michigan.—"I had female weakness with pains in my back, and

I could not stand on my feet for any length of time. I was working in a factory but had to quit as I was too much on my feet. A friend recommended Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to me, and I can hardly believe it myself that I am well. Oh, it is a grand thing to have your health! I feel well all the time and can go out like other women and not feel that awful torture. When I took your medicine first I thought it should cure after the first bottle, but I am glad my husband kept me at it. I have had nine bottles and now I am well."—Mrs. JENNY EVANS, 1604 Lafayette Blvd., Detroit, Michigan.

If you are suffering from displacements, irregularities, backache, nervousness or other forms of female weakness, you should take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

The reason is given in letters like these, and we have published thousands of them. You may expect that a medicine that has helped other women will help you. Try it.

Presents Were at the Wrong Door

By CHRISTOPHER G. HAZARD

Postman's Mistake Resulted in a Happy Christmas for the Peters Families

WHO can tell what is on the other side of a door? This one fronted on a pleasant street and seemed to invite one into a happy home. Its plate said that P. Peters lived there, and the door mat said "Welcome." But Mrs. Peters and the children would have been rather dismayed that winter day had visitors rung the door bell, for things were not quite all right with the Peters family. The cuckoo, from his perch in the clock, announced the hours with his customary cheerfulness and polite bow, but failed to dissipate the atmosphere of gloom that seemed to fill the house like a fog. The voice in the kitchen, ordinarily of a jolly character, had sunk into a minor key and sent out a sort of S. O. S. message in the words of the old song:

"Moon run down to de settin' ob de sun
And de sun refuse to shine."

The sunset in the Peters' home had been caused by the cutting off of their

supply train. Three months had passed without word or remittance from the head of the family. This added the perils of poverty to the pains of absence and made the Christmas outlook decidedly shady. Young Peters added to his mother's anxiety by remarking that his dad's business trip must have been hit by a submarine or something, while his sister intensified the situation by wondering aloud if they would ever see him again.

Both of these auguries, so unsuited to Christmas Eve, were interrupted, however, by the arrival of the parcel postman and the deposit of an immense and promising package, bearing in large letters a direction to Mrs. P. Peters. With no clue as to the sender the family naturally concluded the various and valuable assortment that was revealed to investigation to be an evidence of fatherly consideration and the advance agent of the returning traveler. Joy came out with all the other things, and cheer took the place of chagrin.

Farther up the street and behind a door bearing the name of Paul Peters there was another household that was not as sunny as it should have been. A letter had come—but a bundle had failed to come. The letter a program of delight, the bundle a disappointment. Uncle Joshua had known their wants by a marvelous instinct, but where was the bundle? Alas! the other things were as nothing for the lack of it and Christmas morning dawned upon discontent.

But before the morning had quite disappeared Fred came rushing in with the news that he had seen that Peters boy in the next block with a sled bearing the same name as the one mentioned by Uncle Joshua. "I didn't know there was a Peters boy in the next block," said his mother; "I'll go down and see if they can tell us anything about our bundle."

They could, and the mystery was very easily solved by the explanation of the postman at the wrong door, making a very pardonable mistake. An explanation that led indeed to a redistribution of gifts and also to a discovery of relationships, for the Peters' families found each other out, as less than a block apart in family ties and friendliness. A discovery that was the very best Christmas gift that they could have had and which led them to think that the wrong door was all right after all.

It proved a way out for the P. Peterses and a way in for the Paul Peterses until Pa Peters of the first part put in an appearance through it in time for New Year's with such an account of himself and his adventures as proved highly satisfactory to all the combined hopes and plans of all the Peterses.

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Surprise Birthday Dinner.

A surprise dinner was given Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Gray, five miles north of Maryville, in honor of Mr. Gray's fifty-seventh birthday. In the afternoon members of the family exchanged gifts and Victrola music was enjoyed. The company included Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sowers, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Holt of Craig; Mr. and Mrs. Burley Gray, Alvin Gray, Orville Gray, Misses Leta and Velma Gray, Irene Sowers, Verlin Francis oHlt, Drexel and Arcile Gray, Quinten Hubert Gray, Oliver Gray and Forrest Gray.

O'Donnell Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Joe O'Donnell of Conception Junction entertained at 12 o'clock dinner Christmas day for Mr. and Mrs. Dan O'Grady, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fisher and daughter, Helen Charlene, Mr. and Mrs. Ray O'Grady and their guest, Miss Barbara Turner of King City; Miss Ella O'Grady, Will O'Grady, S. E. Hansen, John Hansen, Pat Feeley and Clarence O'Donnell.

Society

O'Dell—Penisten

A marriage license has been issued in St. Joseph to Martin C. Penisten of Maryville and Miss Janie O'Dell of Bigelow. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Penisten of Maryville and is a graduate of the Maryville High School. The bride formerly attended the State Teachers College.

Shelton Guests

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Shelton entertained at a Christmas dinner for Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Treese of St. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woldinga and daughter, Norma Frances, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wright, and Lo Daiska and Helen Marie Shelton.

Shrubshall Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shrubshall and daughter, Harriett Carstena, 404 South Market street, entertained with a Christmas dinner. Plates were laid for Mrs. Maud Butler and daughters, Maxine, Esther and Betty Lou, Miss Florence Shrubshall, Mrs. Agnes Shrubshall, and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Williams and son, Clyde. The afternoon was spent in music and games.

McKee Guests.

Christmas dinner guests of Mrs. W. R. McKee of Pickering were: Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Strong and family of Maryville, Mr. and Mrs. John Lock and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Gray and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Swaney and children, Mr. and Mrs. Leland McKee and son, Claud and Raymond McKee, all of Pickering, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swaney, Miss Cecil Howard, Faye and Fern McKee and John Roberts of Maryville.

Riffle Guests.

The guests of Mrs. Mary Kost Riffle and family on Christmas day at their home southwest of Maryville included Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pryor and Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Pryor of Fillmore, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Miller.

Martin Guests.

A family group dining at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Vilas Martin on Christmas day included Mrs. F. M. Martin, Miss Mabel Martin, Mrs. Phil Smiley of Los Angeles, Cal., and Forrest and Beverly Martin.

Sloan-Shelton.

Miss Viola Sloan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sloan, and Olen Shelton were married at noon on Christmas day at the home of the bride's parents in Wilcox. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. P. Taggart, pastor of the Christian Church at Burlington Junction. For the present the couple will be at home with the bride's parents.

Christmas Eve Party.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Colbert were hosts at an informal party on Christmas eve at their home on East Seventh street. These guests were invited: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rickenbrode, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Foster, the Rev. and Mrs. S. P. Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Richman and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Long of Lebanon, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wilfley, Mr. and Mrs. Burt W. Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Airy, Misses Mae Corwin, Anna M. Painter, Mary Lewis and Vella Booth.

Hornbuckle Guests.

Mrs. Anna Hornbuckle and daughter, Miss Faye, entertained at Christmas dinner, their guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Hantze and son, Harlan, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hantz and son, Fred and Harry Penland of St. Joseph.

Moss Guests

Mrs. Josie Moss had as Christmas dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rogers of Clarinda, Ia., Miss Opal Moss, Loren Smith and daughter, Mabel.

Supper for Lasher Community

The Lasher Community Club will give a supper at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow evening at the Lasher school for the families in the community. After supper music and games will be the features.

Mrs. Martin Hostess

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. M. Martin, 521 South Fillmore street.

Knox Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Knox and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Knox entertained with a 12 o'clock dinner today when their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Knox and children, Earl, Sherman and Wayne, of Simla, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Knox of St. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Strong and son, Junior, and Mrs. Myrtle Knox and sons, Fred, John and Harold.

McComb Guests

On Christmas day, Mrs. William McComb gave a family dinner for Mr. and Mrs. James T. Patterson, Robert and Jimmie Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McComb, Dawn and Frank McComb, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ferguson and daughter, Eva Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bickett, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bobbitt, Ilene Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Ellsworth and Virgil and Aleta Ellsworth of Tarkio and George and Howard Patterson.

Hiter Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hiter of Quitman entertained at Christmas dinner their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hunt and children, Louise and Junior of Barnard, and Miss Grace Malvern of Quitman.

Thompson Guests.

A family party dining at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Thompson on North Mulberry street on Christmas day included Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Halley Ford and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. King and children, Merrell, John, Forrest, Cleo and Carl. Last evening the family had their Christmas tree celebration and a box of gifts sent by H. G. Thompson of Spokane, Wash., a son, was opened. Mr. Thompson presented each of his children with $100 and each grandchild $5.00 apiece.

Garten Dinner Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Garten had as Christmas dinner guests yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Millikan and Charles Green, at their home on South Main street.

Miller Guests

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Miller of Graham entertained at Christmas dinner Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Albright and son, Sam, of Skidmore, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Cornell and son, Roland, of Maryville.

Sparks Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sparks of Gaynor entertained with a 1 o'clock dinner on Christmas day for Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Nigh, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nigh, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar New, Dr. and Mrs. John Nigh of Sheridan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nigh, Ernest and George Nigh, Harley Nigh, Lora and Gretchen Nigh, Angeline New, Oren and Keith Nigh, Louis Nigh and Louis and Clyde Sparks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tolbert, living eight miles southwest of Maryville, entertained at a dinner and Christmas tree yesterday for Mr. and Mrs. Lester Booth and son, Billy Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McDougal, Roberta Tolbert, Harold Dean and Ruth Irene Tolbert and John and Roy Tolbert. Afternoon guests were Raymond, Leland and Dale Oakerson.

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Hosmer's Stock Sale

GRAY'S PAVILION

Maryville, Saturday, December 29

What do you want to sell? Sell YOUR Livestock is MY business. List it now. First listed, first sold.

R. P. HOSMER, "The Auctioneer"

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FOR SALE—United States Royal Cords of all sizes. Malam Garage. Dec. 1-31

FOR SALE—A typewriter. R. L. McDougal. 20tf

At Johnsons
For cash will sell during Dec.
30x3½ Fisk Premier, Kelly Springfield or Firestone Fabric casings $9.50.
32x3½ Miller Fabric, $10.50.
33x4 Republic Fabric $13.50.
34x4 Republic Fabric, $14.00.
39x3½ Weed Chains, $4.00.
5 gal. Mobiloil at 85c per gal.
5 gal. Monomobile oil at 80c per gal.
Cup grease 20c, 9-volt 21 c. p. bulbs 30c. Walter E. Johnson, Pickering, Mo. 5tf

FOR SALE—Ford Coupe 1920 model battery starter. Fisher Battery Station. 10tf

SINGLE COMB Rhode Island Red Cockereis. Winners, strong in type, rich dark red. Mahood Strain direct $3 to $5. Anna Ordnung, Savannah, Mo. D 26 J25

FOR SALE—22 good quality Herford calves, to take off the cows this week. Robert Larmer, Maryville, Mo. 26

FOR SALE—South Missouri stock ranch, at price and terms that will surprise those who can use it or might consider exchange for Maryville city property; for three weeks only. Chas. Hyslop, D12tf.

FOR SALE—All kinds of wood. Call Hanamo 4309. B. F. Mozingo. D18 J17*

SPECIAL PRICES on Tire Chains till after New Years. Farmers Auto Supply Company. 21-28

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1923 Dodge Graham truck, 1½ ton. This truck is same as new; has run only 1800 miles.

Dodge coupe, 4 new cord tires; runs extra good.

1919 Dodge touring, price $185.00.

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1919 Dodge truck, a good buy, $475.00.

1918 Haynes touring, 5 good tires, new top and side curtains.

1918 Buick 5 passenger, extra good, new top, 5 good tires.

Buy your used car now; prices are much lower now than in the spring. Will give term to reliable parties.

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Dodge Brothers Sales and Service.
26-29

FOR SALE—Peerless Guaranteed Honey Comb Radiator for 1914 Fords $14.00; 1916 to 1923's $15.00, complete with shells. Farmers Auto Supply Company. 21-28

FOR SALE—66 or less white face and red calves. Weight about 500 lbs, dehorned and thrifty, at 6¼c lb. This week only. Phone 118 white, Burlington Junction. R. R. Staples. 10-tf

FOR SALE—20 head of shoats weight 90 lbs. Last call. Peter Michaelson, Farmers phone 40-16. 24-27*

FOR SALE—Oats, Dakota grown, Wabash track this week. Bellows Bros. Phone 35. 24-27*

FOR SALE—Six Table Billiard Parlor, all new, put in six months ago. Good business, fine location, big bargain. See, call or wire me at once, as this will be sold this week. Yeo Bros., Maryville, Mo. 24-27*

MISCELLANEOUS

MONEY TO LOAN—Joint stock land bank. For Sale—Farm and city real estate. See Ed F. Wolfert. D 12 J12

LOST—Between Skidmore and Maryville, a black handbag, containing man's clothing. Finder please leave bag at Democrat-Forum office or phone Howard Benz at Oregon, Mo. 26-28

MARKET REPORTS

Chicago, Dec. 26—CATTLE—Receipts, 18,500.
HOGS—receipts, 38,000.
SHEEP—receipts, 18,000.

St. Louis, Dec. 26—CATTLE—receipts, 5,000.
HOGS—receipts, 16,000
SHEEP—receipts, 1,500.

Kansas City, Dec. 26—CATTLE—receipts, 9,000.
HOGS—receipts, 9,000.
SHEEP—receipts, 7,000.

St. Joseph, Dec. 26—CATTLE—receipts, 2,900.
HOGS—receipts, 4,000; top $7.05.
SHEEP—receipts, 5,100.
Hogs 5 to 10c higher.

Todays Market

Leghorn springs per lb.	10c
Springs per lb.	13c
Ducks and Geese per lb.	12c
Turkeys per lb.	20c
Eggs per dozen	28c
Cream, per lb.	49c
Hens per lb.	14c
Light hens per lb.	11c
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Walter W. Head, chosen president of the American Bankers' association, as he appeared on a recent visit to Wyoming where Mr. Head is just as much at home as he is in his bank president's chair.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Mary C. Bragg was born February 23, 1839, and died December 22, 1923, at the age of 84 years, 10 months. She was born in Kentucky and came to Missouri when a child. She professed faith in Christ fifty years ago and was a member of the Christian Church. She was married in 1860 to Daniel Bragg, and to this union seven children were born, five daughters and two sons. Three daughters and one son survive. One son and two daughters preceded her in death. Her husband died forty-one years ago. She had been making her home with her son, Wm. Bragg, northwest of Maryville, for the past four months.

She was a fine Christian mother. She believed in Jesus Christ and taught it to her children all her life.

Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 23, at home five miles northwest of Maryville by Ernest P. Taggart, pastor of the Burlington Junction Christian Church. Burial at Mansfield, Mo., at her home.

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WANTED—Washing to do at 1408 So. Depot street. 26-28*

LOST—Boston bull dog, dark brindle, white feet, small brindle spot in forehead. F. M. Townsend. Phone 738. 22-26*

FOR RENT—Two large rooms, furnished or unfurnished. Call after 3. $10 per month. 516 South Dewey. 26-27*

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LOST—Maytag wringer on road between Sheridan and Maryville, Thursday afternoon. Reward. Lowry Hardware Co. 21tf

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'Tis the Night After Christmas

Should Real Estate Improvements Be Taxed?

Samuel Adams, Directors General Uncle Sam's Voters, Washington, D. C.

There is a widespread demand for transferring taxes now levied on improvements. Several years ago Pittsburgh adopted a plan for gradually reducing the rate of taxation upon real estate improvements, and within a few years they will be entirely exempt from real estate taxation. In New York City, by action of the Board of Aldermen, all new buildings are exempt for ten years, if used as homes, and all apartment houses to the extent of $5,000 to every apartment, for a period of ten years. Farm organizations with a total membership of close to a million, have endorsed a similar untaxing of farm real estate improvements.

YES

1. Taxes on improvements prevent the construction of homes and other needed buildings, because such taxation involves an annual charge, usually 1½ per cent, or even as high as 2½ per cent. A 2½ per cent tax on a building amounts in 40 years to the original cost of the building and 40 years is a long life for the average building today.

2. Buildings deteriorate rapidly, while land values increase through the industry of the community, and through government expenditures, regardless of any action or effort on the part of the individual land owner. All buildings represent labor, which is required in making cement, steel, brick, nails, wire, etc., and in homes and office buildings, plumbing, etc. It is always a foolish plan to tax products of labor because it limits demand.

3. Homes are assessed at 2½ to 4 times as much as the sites of homes, while the land values of most cities are twice as great as the improvement values. The buildings used by workingmen in small towns will cost from $1800 to $4,000, while the site of the building is usually assessed from $300 to a maximum of $1200 or $1300. Untaxing real estate improvements will decrease the local taxes on small homes and will save the owners $15 to $25 or more a year in taxes. The big landed estates in cities will pay the taxes thus removed from small homes.

4. A large part of the enormously valuable land in great cities is owned by a few people. The New York Congestion Committee reported several years ago that eight families, estates, and corporations owned about 1-19 of the assessed land value of Manhattan in New York, the total population of that borough being about 2,500,000. In 1907 the full assessed value of the sites of nine well-known buildings in Chicago was 1 per cent of the total assessed value of the city, with its hundreds of thousands of buildings. In 1910 about 7 per cent of the land, exclusive of parks, governmental reservations and streets and exempted land, in Washington, was owned by seven families, corporations and estates.

5. All municipal expenditures increase the selling price of land—sewers, parks, boulevards, fire and police protection, schools, water supply, etc. These municipal expenditures do not affect the price of buildings, which constantly deteriorate in value with usage, and even if standing empty. Since these expenditures by the city increase land values, land values should be taxed to pay for them.

6. Most of the so-called land value of farms is really improvement value. There is very little site value in the average small farm. The Bureau of Census in reporting the value of farm lands, exclusive of buildings, includes as land values irrigation, ditching, draining, orchards, tiling, grading, etc., which are really improvements in real estate, and not real estate land values themselves. The average improved farm has little real land value. The more improved a farm is, the smaller the proportion the bare land value is of the value of real estate improvement.

7. Exempting improvements on real estate, through reducing rents and taxes on small homes, will increase the amount which city workers can spend on food, clothes and other products of labor.

8. Untaxing real estate improvement and taxing bare real estate value, exclusively of improvements, more heavily would make the speculator in city and farm lands pay much more taxes, and would tend to prevent speculation, in both city and farm land, by increasing the carrying charge on unimproved real estate, and this would make it easier for workers to own homes in the city, and for tenant farmers and others who want to own their own farms, to do so.

9. Untaxing improvements would tend to break up large estates in cities and to break up large landed estates throughout the nation. Not only in cities, but in the country as well, there is a marked concentration of ownership of real estate, about 2½ per cent of the farm owners of the nation own approximately one-sixth of the total value of farm real estate.

10. Untaxing real estate improvements will simplify our tax problem, and compel assessors to assess real estate more equitably. Today the tendency of assessors is to overassess improved, and underassess unimproved real estate. Most cities are limited by constitutional provisions governing indebtedness to a certain percentage of the total value of real estate subject to taxation, including all improvements on real estate, if part of the taxable valuation of the city. This permits cities to incur heavier indebtedness, and has led to terrible extravagance and waste.

NO

1. Bare real estate land does not require fire and police protection, schools, parks, streets or anything else. These are provided for people who live in houses or hotels or work in offices, factories, etc. The land is useless unless improved with such buildings, and does not yield any revenue unless the buildings are occupied, the buildings should pay their share of tax.

2. Buildings deteriorate year after year and land values increase year by year, and an honest and efficient assessment of land and improvements thereon at every assessment period would correspond to this changed valuation or selling price. The assessed value of real estate improvements should be reduced proportionately to the probable life of such improvements, and the value of real estate, exclusive of improvements, should also be assessed as it increases in value or selling price. This is the proper way to bring about the desired adjustment in the tax burden between real estate and real estate improvements, and not by untaxing real estate improvements.

3. Since most cities and many states limit the borrowing capacity of city and state and county to a certain percentage of the value of real estate subject to taxation, suddenly to exempt real estate improvements from taxation by untaxing them, might invalidate existing debt based on the total valuation of real estate. In other cases this reduction in the assessed valuation of city and county, through untaxing real estate improvements and reducing the total borrowing capacity of the governmental unit, would prevent its making needed public improvements by limiting the number of bonds that could be issued.

4. Billions of dollars of mortgages are outstanding on real estate values, probably at least 15 billion dollars, and possibly 20 billion. The long-term mortgages on farm land values alone amount to about $8,000,000,000. These mortgages are largely held by life insurance companies, saving banks and loan institutions, and represent the savings of small people. These investments must be protected.

5. Skyscrapers, not only in New York City but in most great cities, huge office buildings, and hotels and mansions of the rich, are worth more than the sites thereof. Untaxing improvements on real estate would reduce the total taxes which the wealthy owners of these valuable properties would pay thereon, and it is not just to reduce the taxes on the wealthy owners of such improved properties, even though it may reduce the taxes on wage-earners' homes and reduce rents.

6. The fact that taxes on wage-earners' homes and small farms would be reduced through untaxing real estate improvements would produce an orgy of extravagance in municipalities, counties and states, because an increase in municipal, county and state expenditures would not require any large payment by the majority of the people. Most of the increased cost would be met by the few owners of valuable land.

7. While it is true that public improvements, schools, parks, fire and police protection, etc., paid for taxes, increase the selling price of real estate, but not the selling price of real estate improvements, it is not fair to make all real estate owners in a city or county pay such costs, but they should be paid by assessment for benefit received. In New York City most public improvements are assessed upon the property benefited, part of it upon the adjacent and nearby property, part upon the borough in which located, and part upon the city as a whole. This method of paying for public improvements is the better method.

8. Uniformity of taxation is a fundamental principle in the United States, and it is most dangerous to interfere with or to change this principle. The owner of property worth $5,000 would pay a small amount of taxes compared with what the owner of property worth $1,000,000 would pay. Real estate taxes are proportionate to the value of real estate, and the principle of uniform taxation of property is recognized in constitutional provisions in at least 15 state constitutions.

9. New dwellings in New York City have been untaxed for ten years, but New York City is now in the throes of a rent crisis, showing that the partial untaxing of new buildings does not produce the reduction in rents or the number of small homes, which the advocates of this measure claim for it. Neither has Pittsburgh been noted for its low rentals, although all buildings there are assessed at a reduced tax rate.

10. Farm lands in many western states are assessed and taxed at the peak war prices. The real selling price of these farm lands is down, but their assessed value is up to the war peak. It is not fair to add to existing burdens upon owners of farm lands through untaxing improvements.

Visiting in Skidmore.

Erman Barrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellwood Barrett, of Maryville, is visiting in Skidmore with his uncle, Charles W. Barrett ,and other relatives and friends.

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SPORTS

SKIDMORE FIVES WIN TOURNAMENT

CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT HELD AT SKIDMORE YESTERDAY

PARNELL GIRLS LOSE

Defeated by Skidmore 20 to 17 in Exciting Game—Boys Trounce Parnell 30 to 15

The Skidmore boys and girls basketball teams won the Christmas Tournament held at Skidmore yesterday from a field of six contenders. Both the boys and the girls teams played exceedingly good basketball during the tournament.

In the afternoon the Skidmore boys played the Barnard team, eliminating Barnard by a score of 19 to 9. Parnell boys eliminated Craig from the race in a 32 to 28 game that was closely contested all of the time.

In the night round of the tournament the Skidmore girl's team defeated Parnell, the Northwest Missouri champions, winning the silver cup in an exciting 20 to 17 game. The Skidmore girls staged a great comeback in the last half, making sixteen points from the court. The Parnell and Skidmore teams have met once before being in the Nodaway County tournament. At that time Parnell edged out with a 13 to 10 score.

The line-ups of the two teams were:

Skidmore		Parnell
Goins	f.	Miller
Manchester	f.	Jones
Logan	fc.	Giesken
McMahon	rc.	Prather
Merritt	g.	Hall
Smith	g.	Wilson

The Skidmore boys defeated the Parnell boys in a whirlwind 30 to 15 game. Beverlin was the outstanding player on the Skidmore team and had an accurate eye for the basket. The floor work of both teams was good. The Skidmore line-up was: Beverlin and Montgomery, forwards; King, center; Long and Horn, guards.

Ira Young of the State Teachers College refereed the tournament.

Dates for Northwest Missouri BB. Tourney

The dates for the annual Northwest Missouri basketball tournament will be on Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8, and 14 and 15 according to Bert Cooper. The boys tournament will be held the first week in March and the girls tournament on the 14th and 15th of that month. The details of the tournament will be announced as soon as completed.

Barnard Blizzards Won Rosendale B.B. Tourney

The Barnard Blizzards won the basketball tournament at Rosendale yesterday by defeating the Rosendale Independents in the final game by a 32 to 27 margin. The game was a battle from start to finish and the score was tied most of the time and first one team was ahead and later the other one nosed out in front. The tournament was between the town teams of Bigelow, Rosendale, Barnard and New Point.

In the afternoon Bigelow was snowed under by Barnard in the first game by a 70 to 17 count. Rosendale eliminated New Point by a 28 to 24 score.

Sammie Dubin of Bedford refereed the tournament.

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ONE MORE CHANCE FOR VERNON DAVIS

KANSAS GRAPPLER TO MEET BARACKMAN TOMORROW NIGHT

BARACKMAN WON BEFORE

But Davis Won First of Three Falls —Bout Over McMurry's Garage

Tomorrow night at the Maryville Athletic Club, located over George McMurry's garage, Mervin Barackman and Vernon Davis will meet in a finish bout. The match promises to be a fast and furious affair with both men equally matched as to speed, strength and science.

Davis and Barackman have met before on the mat. At that time Barackman staged a come-back and after losing the first fall won from Davis the next two falls. Since that time Davis has been anxious to be matched against the Maryville mat artist and states that he believes that he can throw Barackman now.

Davis lost the second fall to Barackman by an arm strangle, the third fall came in short order by a bar arm lock. Davis weakened himself considerable by trying to stay it out with Barackman after the Maryville man secured the arm strangle. Had Davis given Barackman the second fall soon after the Maryville man secured the tortuous hold the outcome might have been different, this is the reason Davis is given a return match with Barackman.

A good preliminary bout has been arranged as a curtain raiser to the main match.

Conception Jct. Have Basketball Tournament

Six Boys' Teams Entered in the Contest—Will Play Friday Afternoon and Night.

A boy's basketball tournament will be held at Conception Junction on Friday afternoon. C. K. Thompson, coach of the Conception Junction High School team is in charge of the tournament.

The Parnell, Ravenwood, Barnard, Guilford, Stanberry and Conception Junction boys' teams were invited to take part in the tournament. The drawings will take place at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The final championship game will be played in the evening. Basketballs will be given to the winners.

Ira Young of the State Teachers College will referee the tournament.

Miss Colden Here.

Miss Abbie Bel Colden of Denver, Colo., arived in Maryville today to be the guest of friends. She will also visit her sister, Mrs. Lester Hawthorne, and Mr. Hawthorne of Stanberry. En route home in two weeks she will visit her mother, Mrs. Jessie Colden in Kansas City.

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